

BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**In the Matter of****CASE No: MD-14-0589A****PAUL R. BUTZINE, M.D.****REQUEST FOR LICENSE
INACTIVATION WITH CAUSE AND
ORDER INACTIVATING LICENSE
WITH CAUSE****Holder of License No. 8694
For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine in the
State of Arizona.**

1. I, Paul R. Butzine, M.D., am the holder of License No. 8694 to practice allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

2. I hereby request that, effective at 12:00 p.m. on the date of the following Order, the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") inactivate with cause my license to practice allopathic medicine number 8694. A.R.S. §32-1452(F). I participated in the Board's Monitored Aftercare Program from 1985-1990. I have now relapsed.

3. I will not practice medicine in Arizona or any other state, territory or district of the United States or a foreign country while my Arizona license is inactive. I may not hold or maintain a controlled substance certificate with the Drug Enforcement Administration or write or refill prescriptions as long as my license is inactive. If I practice medicine while my license is inactive I will be practicing medicine without a license and/or without being exempt from licensure, which amongst other things, is a felony.

4. I shall not request reactivation of my license to practice medicine in Arizona until I comply with all requests of the Board, which may include, but are not limited to, long-term residential or inpatient treatment, psychiatric and psychometric evaluations, physical examination and testing, and written and/or oral competency examinations. The Board will not reactivate my license until I present evidence satisfactory to the Board, in its sole

1 discretion, that I am medically competent and mentally and physically able to safely
2 practice medicine in the State of Arizona.

3 DATED this 18th day of May, 2014.

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6 Paul R. Butzine, M.D.

7 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

8 1. Paul R. Butzine, M.D. ("Licensee") currently holds an active license to practice
9 medicine in this state.

10 2. Licensee was under a Board stipulation or probationary order pursuant to A.R.S.
11 § 32-1452 that is no longer in effect.

12 3. The Board initiated case number MD-14-0589A after receiving Licensee's self-
13 report indicating that Licensee is impaired by alcohol or drug abuse.

14 4. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1452.F., Licensee has requested that his license to
15 practice medicine in the State of Arizona be placed on the status of Inactive with Cause.

16 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

17 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over
18 Licensee.

19 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional
20 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. §32-1401(27)(f) ("[h]abitual intemperance in the use of alcohol
21 or habitual substance abuse.").

22 **ORDER**

23 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

24 1. License number 8694 held by Paul R. Butzine, M.D., is Inactivated with Cause.
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1 2. That before Licensee can request that his license be reactivated, he shall
2 successfully complete a long-term care residential or inpatient hospital treatment program
3 or both and shall meet the applicable requirements of A.R.S. §32-1431(d).

4 3. Once Licensee has completed treatment, the Board shall determine if it should
5 refer the matter for a formal hearing for the purpose of suspending or revoking the license
6 or to place the licensee on probation for a minimum of five years with restrictions
7 necessary to ensure public safety.

8 DATED this 12th day of June, 2014.

10 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

12 By: C Lloyd Vest, II
13 C. Lloyd Vest, II
14 Executive Director

15 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed
16 this 12th day of June, 2014 to:

17 Paul R. Butzine, M.D.
18 Address of Record

19 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this
20 12th day of June, 2014 with:

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